Construction of Yatri Niwas

1615. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri Niwas in various States including Delhi as on date, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal for constructing Yatri Niwas in various States during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The figures relating to the non-classified accommodation units including Yatri Niwas are not maintained by the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bed and breakfast scheme for tourists

1616. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched a new scheme namely Bed and Breakfast Scheme permitting private house owners to rent out a portion of their accommodation to tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of applications received from the house owners expressing interest to participate under the scheme and number of house owners that were granted license under the scheme as on 31st December, 2006; and

(d) the number of cities in which the scheme has been launched?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main requisite of the scheme is that only those home owners,